Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 Canceled

Claims 8-11 Previously Canceled

Claim 12-31 Canceled

32.   (Previously Presented) A method for brokering messages between middleware systems comprising:

    communicating a message from a mainframe system in a Cobol copybook format;

    mapping the message in Cobol copybook format onto the fields in a structured event format;

    communicating the message converted from Cobol copybook format to structured event format to a middleware brokering system;

    communicating a message from a JMS system in a JMS message format;

    mapping the message in the JMS format onto the fields in a structured event format;

    communicating the message converted from JMS format to the structured event format to the middleware brokering system;

    communicating a message from a CORBA system in the structured event format to the middleware brokering system;

    using the middleware broker to determine the destination for each of the messages from the JMS, CORBA, and mainframe systems; and

    directing each of the messages to the appropriate one of the JMS, CORBA, and mainframe systems.

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33.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32 further comprising:

converting the messages destined for the mainframe system from the structured event

format to Cobol copybook format; and

converting the messages destined for the JMS system from structured event format to the

JMS system.

34.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32 further comprising:

registering each of the messages with a publish/subscribe engine; and

brokering the messages between the JMS, CORBA, and mainframe systems based on the

messages that the JMS, CORBA, and mainframe systems have registered to

receive.

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